

Appl. No. 10/814,311

Amdt. dated April 15, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The purpose of the preliminary amendment is to correct several editorial errors in the claims. The term "Laminated Composite" has been replaced with the term "Composite Component," which is the term of art that is typically used in the context. Finally, the German language term "Verbundbauteil" is more properly translated with "Composite Component." Support is found throughout the specification and in the priority application. MPEP 2163.07 II.

An early action on the merits of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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